

Fredericksburg
TUESDAY...DECEMBER 11, 1900.
Entered at the Postoffice at Fredericksburg, Va., as second-class matter.
All communications of every character should be addressed to "THE FREE LANCE," Fredericksburg, Va.

Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad.
Schedule in effect Nov. 25th, 1900.
Leave Richmond:
8:40 A. M. daily, no local stops.
10:15 A. M. daily, no local stops.
11:45 A. M. daily, except Sunday, no local stops.
1:15 P. M. daily, except Sunday, no local stops.
2:45 P. M. daily, no local stops.
4:15 P. M. daily, except Sunday, no local stops.
5:45 P. M. daily, except Sunday, no local stops.
7:15 P. M. daily, except Sunday, no local stops.
8:45 P. M. daily, except Sunday, no local stops.
Leave Fredericksburg:
8:40 A. M. daily, Atlantic Coast Line train, stops at Middleburg, Aquia, and Ashland, week days. All local stops on Sunday.
10:15 A. M. daily, S. & A. R. R. train, week days. All local stops on Sunday.
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HEADQUARTERS FOR BUILDING MATERIALS.
I keep all kinds of North Carolina and Virginia lumber, dressed and undressed, Shingles, Laths, Sash, Doors and blinds, Lime, Cement, Plaster, Portland Cement, Hair, Nails, Putty, and all other building materials. I also have a large stock of hardware, including tools, paint, and oil. I am a member of the National Building Material Association.
E. D. COLE.
319 Main street, Fredericksburg, Va.

JUST RECEIVED
By last steamer Nice lot Bananas, Eating Pears, Fine Eating Apples. Also S. O. Thomas' Celebrated Red Skin Tomatoes and Corn. Wholesale.
S. HIRSH & BRO.
\$20,500. To Loan, \$26,500.
THE ENTERPRISE BUILDING ASSOCIATION offers money to loan on the following terms: In sums to suit, from \$100 up, on city and country property. Apply to
HENRY WISSNER, President.
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\$30,000 TO LOAN!
In sums to suit, on both City and Country property, upon easy terms and at 8 percent. Apply to
JOHN T. KNIGHT, President.
—OR—
ISAAC HIRSH, Secretary.
Merchants and Mechanics' Perpetual Building and Loan Association, of Fredericksburg, Va.

Two Fires--A Contrast.
THE RESIDENCE OF MR. JOHN WESBY OF SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY, WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE SATURDAY.
No insurance--Fredericksburg Star Barn, tenement house, corn cribs, etc., on the farm of Mrs. M. A. Downman, in Spotsylvania County, were destroyed by fire Sunday night. Insurance, \$550.--FREE LANCE.

MORAL--Insure Your Property.
Rowlett & Goolrick,
Fire and Life Insurance Agents,
Fredericksburg, Va.
Office: Princess Anne street.

FREE BLOOD AND SKIN CURE.
An Offer Proving Faith.
Ulcers, Erysipelas, Cancer, Scrofula, Itching Skin, Scabs and Sores of Eczema, Aches and Pains in bones, back or joints, Syphilis, Blood Poison, Rotten Gums and Chronic Rheumatism, and all obstinate, deep-seated Blood troubles, are quickly cured by taking a few large bottles of Botanic Blood Balm. We challenge the world for a cure of Blood Disease that Botanic Blood Balm will not cure. The cure is permanent and not a patching up in your blood. Blood Thin? Skin Pale? All Run Down? As Tired in the morning as when you went to bed? Pimples? Boils? Swollen Glands or Joints? Catarrh? Putrid Breath? Eruptions? Sores in Mouth or Throat? If so, your Blood is Bad. Blood Balm will make the Blood Pure and Rich, Heal every Sore, Stop the Aches and Pains, Build up the broken down body, and invigorate the old and weak. Botanic Blood Balm, the only perfect Blood Purifier made. Sold at Drug Stores. \$1.00 per large bottle, including complete directions. To prove our faith in Blood Balm a trial bottle given away to sufferers. For free trial bottle, address Blood Balm Co., 179 Mitchell street, Atlanta, Ga. Don't hesitate, but write at once describing troubles, and free personal medical advice given. Blood Balm Cures when all else fails. Thoroughly tested for 30 years. B. B. B. Sold by K. N. Goolrick, Fredericksburg, Va.

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All Correspondence Promptly Answered in sealed Envelopes.
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Merchants' Business Cards placed on their Checks
BANK OPEN FROM 9 A. M. TO 6 P. M.

Local and Current Comments.
Mr. Geo. H. Zett was in Washington Saturday on business.
Mr. Jas. T. Lowery has returned from a business trip North.
Mr. P. M. Woodford, of Port Royal, was in the city yesterday.
Mr. John L. Lofe, of Carolina, was in the city Saturday on business.
Capt. W. F. Coates spent Sunday in Petersburg, the guest of relatives.
Miss Annie L. Harris left Saturday for a visit to relatives in Washington.
Miss Nannie Dix has returned from a pleasant visit to relatives in Washington.
Miss Fannie Gordon has returned from a pleasant visit to relatives in Washington.
Mrs. Agnes Armstrong left yesterday for Baltimore for a visit of several weeks to relatives.
Dr. H. L. Segar, of Warsaw, Richmond county, spent Sunday and Monday in the city.
Old Santa seems to have arrived at the Boston Variety Store from their big advertisement in this issue.
If you are still in want of a clock, a coat of arms for a collar, or a suit, W. Jones has them to suit you.
Sheriff T. A. Harris and Commonwealth's Attorney Lee J. Graves, of the county, were in the city Saturday.
Mrs. Chas. E. Hunter and Mrs. Sadie Heston left yesterday for Baltimore, where they will spend Xmas with relatives.
Mrs. C. R. Stokler and daughter, Elizabeth, of New York, who have been visiting friends here, have returned home.
John Hart, has rented out his large farm "Hart's Flat," and will reside near Fredericksburg in the future.--N. N. News.

A large assortment of new Christmas handkerchiefs at The T. N. Brent Store. Make your selections now and avoid the rush.
Miss Mary A. Penn, of Bowling Green, who has been visiting Mrs. O. Hopkins, has returned home.--Rich. Dispatch.
Mrs. J. P. Stump and son, Mr. Chas. M. Stump, left yesterday for Washington and West Virginia, where they will visit relatives.
You should see our Black Dress Goods, especially our Waterproof Serges, stock complete, prices low. Come and see. E. T. Baker.
The little Misses Bowman gave a party to some of their young friends on Saturday night. Various games were enjoyed and a delightful evening spent.
This is the time to have your photographs made to remember your friends with this Xmas. You can have them made in the very best style at the thoroughly equipped Davis gallery.
Miss Mary Breckenbrough, of Richmond county, will enter the Virginia Hospital in Richmond, where she will take the course for a trained nurse. She is a sister of Mrs. D. H. Knox, of this county.
Rev. John W. Rosebro, D. D., of Fredericksburg, is in the city today, attending the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Presbyterian Publication Committee.--Rich. O. Index-Appel.

Mr. Arthur Faulkner has returned to his home after a very successful business trip to Fredericksburg and vicinity. * * * Miss Ella Shelton, of Orange Court-house, is the guest of Mrs. W. B. Baker.--Richmond Times.
Hawkes' specialties purchased for Xmas presents will be exchanged (afterwards) to suit at Hall's Drug Store. You will also find at Hall's a complete assortment of holiday goods, fine perfumery, leather goods, etc.
The steamer Lancaster, on trip Tuesday morning to Baltimore, burst her boiler when nearing Waldorf, running into the wharf and damaging the same. The damage to the boiler was repaired, and after a delay of several hours the steamer resumed her trip.
The court-house at Spotsylvania is rapidly progressing. If the weather holds good it will probably be finished by February. The new building is larger than the old one. It is being built of pressed brick. When completed it will be a very handsome structure.
\$1.00 Kid Gloves at 69c, \$1.25 and \$1.50. Black Dress Goods at \$1.00. 60 dozen Ladies' Pocket-books at 20c each. Capes at 50c up to \$6.00. 2,100 Gents' Linen Collars at 8c. Great Bargains in Linen towels, etc. Come and see E. T. Baker.

On Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock, there will be a meeting of the Daughters of the Revolution and the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities at the residence of Mrs. Charles Wallace to make further arrangements for the Colonial Anniversary to be held on the night of December 27th.
Mr. Henry Stockman, of Spotsylvania county, died Saturday night at his home near here, aged 83 years. Funeral will take place this morning at 10:30 o'clock from St. Mary's Catholic church, this city, conducted by Father Coleman. Two sisters and two daughters survive him.
Pittsburg papers please copy.
Both Legs Mashed by a Train.
Callie Johnson, (col.) a brakeman on a local freight train, and both of his legs badly mashed above the knees on Saturday afternoon by falling between two freight cars, while shunting at the depot here. He was attended by Dr. Barney, Duggert and Hales, and was taken to a hospital in Richmond, where he died Saturday night.
To Take Effect at Once.
The Ways and Means Committee of the House voted to report the revenue reduction bill as introduced, with an amendment making the act take effect on its passage, instead of thirty days thereafter.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, WASHINGTON, D. C.
Reduced Rates via Pennsylvania Railroad.
On account of the Centennial Celebration of the establishment of the seat of government of the United States in the District of Columbia, to be held at Washington, D. C., December 12, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell round-trip tickets to Washington from all points on its line at rate of single fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold and good going December 11, and will be good returning until December 14, inclusive.

MARRIAGES
Miss Bessie B. Garth, of Madison county, and Mr. William O. Fitzhugh, of Greens, were married recently.
Married last week at the home of the bride's parents, in Madison county, Miss Mary Uta, to Mr. B. S. Gibbs.
The marriage of Mr. Charles T. James to Miss Annie Maud White, of Northampton county, is announced to take place to-morrow, the 12th.
Mr. George F. Ward, of Prince William county, and Miss Sarah E. Costello, of Loudoun, were married Wednesday, Rev. O. W. Trainham officiating.
Mr. Eugene Webb and Miss Virginia Dawson, both of Northumberland county were married at the residence of Rev. O. N. Betts, at Heathsville, Thursday.
Married at the Baptist Parsonage, at Heathsville, December 5th, by Rev. Dr. G. W. Beale, Mr. Charles B. Rice, of Lancaster county, and Miss Carrie Davis, of Northumberland county.
Miss Annie Yarbrough, a granddaughter of Dr. Pulaski Porter, deceased, of Louisa, was united in marriage recently to a rising young business man of Richmond, Mr. Geo. C. Kamenhauser.
Mr. and Mrs. John G. Goolrick, of Caroline county, have received invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Ellen Douglas Goolrick, to Mr. Julian Woot Garrett. The nuptials will be solemnized on December 25th, at 5 o'clock p. m., in Bethesda Baptist church.

\$400,000 For The Appomattox.
Chief of Engineers Wilson, in a report to Congress, recommends that \$400,000 be appropriated for the improvement of the Appomattox river from Petersburg to the James river.
Gen. Wilson states that his opinion the improvement is justified by the commercial interests involved, and that the plans formulated are entirely feasible.
On account of the Centennial Celebration of the establishment of the seat of Government of the U. S. at P. B. R. will sell round-trip tickets to Washington, D. C., at rate of \$1.60 for the round trip, tickets to be sold Dec. 11th and for morning trains of the 12th, good to return until Dec. 18th.
C. O. Cox, Agent.

NORTHUMBERLAND.
The New Court-house--Belgian Rabbit--Recent Teachers, Etc. Etc.
Heathsville, Va., Dec. 5, 1900.
(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)
The hog killing era has returned to this part of the world and our housewives are generally up to their elbows in grease. The pork supply with a good many of the farmers has been much reduced by a fatal disease which swept off numerous fine hogs. In Fairfield, Hack's Neck, Cockkill's Neck and Cherry Point the disease chiefly prevailed.
No recent cases of death among hogs have been reported. During the prevalence of that malady about thirty of these animals died in the county.
Work is being pushed rapidly on the new court-house and the brick work is advanced beyond the peril from freezing weather. Several supplies of lumber were rejected at inferior quality which caused some delay. A very fine quality of Georgia heart pine has since been put in place. There hasn't been a chorus of approval of the new building, the terms of the contract, etc., throughout the county, but when the edifice is completed and its advantages are demonstrated the discordant notes now heard here and there may die out.
The ladies of the Methodist church here are brushing up their paragon to-day and preparing a supper in expectancy of the arrival this evening of their new preacher, Rev. T. J. Way. Rev. George H. H. Chichester, W. Conway Chichester, O. O'Connor Goolrick, R. C. L. Moncure, Harvey W. McCallie and Capt. D. M. Lee.

PAID THE CHURCH DEBT
Six Hundred Dollars Raised By Subscription
At the Baptist church Sunday Rev. Dr. J. S. Dill at the conclusion of his morning sermon made a statement of the financial condition of the church, showing an indebtedness of \$600. He expressed a desire to see this amount paid before the close of the year, so that the church could enter the 20th century free of debt. A subscription was at once taken up and the necessary funds raised to liquidate the amount.
Stockholders Meeting.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the R. V. A. & M. Society will be held at the Mayor's Office in Fredericksburg, Va., on Wednesday, December 19, 1900, at 11 o'clock a. m. The condition of the society will be reported and officers for the ensuing year will be elected. By order of the President.
S. J. Quinn, Sec. and Treas.
Dec. 14.

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Woolen Mills Sold.
Messrs. John C. Melville and Wm. H. Duval have purchased from the estate of the late James R. Clark, of Baltimore, on private terms, the Washington Woolen Mills in this city. The mills will hereafter be known as the Melville Woolen Mills. This is one of our most important enterprises and employs about 50 operatives. The mills are running at full time and orders are booked ahead.
The annual report of Postmaster General Charles Ennis Smith for the fiscal year ended June 30 last which had been submitted to the President, shows that for the first time in the history of the postal service total receipts from all sources have passed the \$100,000,000 mark. The receipt for the year in exact figures were \$102,354, 579.29.

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EX-STATE SENATOR W. A. LITTLE.
HE IS ARRESTED IN WASHINGTON.
Gave Bail Here For \$1,000.
Ex-State Senator W. A. Little was arrested in Washington Friday night on a telegram from Commonwealth's Attorney A. E. Embrey, of this city, and held until Saturday morning at the House of Detention, when Officer O. A. Gore went there for him and brought him here that evening.
He was brought before the Corporation Court and required to give bail in the sum of \$1,000 for his re-appearance, Wednesday, December 13. The following gentlemen are his bondsmen: Capt. S. C. Peyton, Messrs. W. J. Butzner, W. E. Bradley, M. J. Gately, Judge R. H. L. Chichester, W. Conway Chichester, O. O'Connor Goolrick, R. C. L. Moncure, Harvey W. McCallie and Capt. D. M. Lee.

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LOCAL MARKETS
[Corrected by Simon Hirsch & Bro.]
Wheat, 65 to 70; corn, 49 to 50, meal 115 to 120 per 100 pounds; oats, 25 to 30; fowls (live), 5 to 7; turkeys 11 to 15; dressed fowls, 8 to 10 per lb. dead, 5 to 6; eggs, 21 to 23; butter, 15 to 20; lard, 10 to 11, Irish potatoes, 55 to 60; beef, 8 to 9; veal, 4 to 5; pork, 5 to 6; hides (green), 4 to 5; hides (dry), 7 to 8. Baled Hay, \$14 to 15, 30 per ton.
Wool--Unwashed, 22 to 23; washed, 27 to 28.
Leaf Sumac--50 to 55 cents per hundred pounds.
The Grain Market.
The grain markets closed yesterday as follows:
Chicago--Wheat, Dec. 70 1/2; Jan. 71 1/2; corn, Dec. 33; Jan. 35 1/2; Dec. oats, 21 1/2.
New York--Southern wheat, 75 to 80; corn, 45 to 47.
Baltimore--Southern wheat, 70 to 72; Southern corn, 42 to 43.
Richmond--Wheat, 70 to 75; corn, 45 to 47.
Alexandria--Wheat, 85 to 90; corn, 45 to 46.

FARM FOR SALE.
I will sell the little farm known as "WILLARD'S," on the Spotsylvania County road, six miles from Fredericksburg. It contains 100 acres, lying along the Massaponnan Run, and a comparatively new two story dwelling and barn. Price low. Possession given January 1st, 1901.
M. B. ROWE,
Fredericksburg, Va.

FOR RENT
3 Rooms on Second Floor of my Residence, No. 1166, D. Street. Bath etc., attached. Possession given January 1, 1900.
H. B. Lane.
Dec. 31.

"FRUIT CAKE!"
The above is, no doubt, what you intend to have for
CHRISTMAS.
and, of course, you want to know where to buy the best ingredients for same at the
LOWEST PRICES.
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Finest Orange Peel, Finest Lemon Peel.
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